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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Nelson Douglas Pitlor
Serial No: 10/007,509
Filing Date: December 5, 2001
Title: REMOTELY ATTACHABLE AND SEPARABLE COUPLING
Examiner: Todd M. Epps
Art Unit: 3632

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 11, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested:

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2006.

All claims have been rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting. The applicant disagrees with the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and requests that it be withdrawn.

In the interest of expediting issuance of the patent and cost containment, the applicant has filed electronically under separate cover a terminal disclaimer. The obviousness-type double patenting rejection now should be withdrawn.

It is believed that all claims now should be allowed, and an early action to that end earnestly is solicited.

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It is believed that no fee is required for this filing. However, if a fee is required, please charge the fee to Applicant's attorneys' deposit account 18-0988 (under the above docket number).

Respectfully submitted,
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